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AMENDMENT "A"

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SIR:

This Amendment "A" is filed in response to the Office Action of September 11, 2002.

Please reconsider the application in view of the remarks presented below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 21 with the following paragraph:

A conventional nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery will be described below with reference to FIGS. 4A-C to 6.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 23 with the following paragraph:

FIG. 4A is a sectional view showing a conventional nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery (e.g., disclosed in Japanese laid-open patent publication No. 8-315798).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 15 with the following paragraph:

FIG. 7A is a plan view and a sectional view which show the configuration of the safety valve used in the conventional nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery in a normal state. As